

Tuesday 10th October 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

We had a wonderful celebration of harvest last week. Thank you for your contributions.

Children gathered together in the hall on Wednesday to learn about why harvest is a traditional celebration to give thanks for the food we eat, especially the food that grows in the ground and on plants and trees.

All the donations were taken to Telford Crisis Support, who were incredibly grateful and said to pass on their thanks to children and families at Windmill.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

October is Black History Month and anyone visiting our school website would have seen our promotion of this: www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk.

I love that our school is made up of 389 different children. I said in my video assembly this week that each child being unique and special is really important for us all to understand and celebrate. I have three children of my own, and it doesn't matter to me which one looks the best, plays sports the best, does best at school. Each one of them is different and special and I love them for who they are.

Getting to know people who are different from us is really interesting and also important. Finding out about other people's experiences of life is crucial if we want to share our world well with all other human beings.

Black History Month is a great opportunity to have a focus on something that for some of us is different from our own experience in life.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking, listening and communicating effectively) '**We speak well**'
- **Writing** (using extensive vocabulary, correct grammar and punctuation) '**We write well**'
- **Collaboration** (partnering with others to improve what we do) '**We work together**'
- **Aspiration** (bringing the best out in each other and aiming high) '**We are inspired**'



What's going on?

To help you keep up with everything, the office staff and teaching staff will use this page to remind and prompt you about school events!

Other news and notices

Free bagels in the hall starts at 8:35am. Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 will start secondary school from September 2024. Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by 31 October 2023 and children with an EHCP by 31 October 2023. You can use [this tool](#) to check which school are your nearest or catchment area.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 232, Cluddley 167, Upton 167 and Rowton 273.

Save the date! Autumn Disco 26th October tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay.

Please don't forget to connect with your child's class on ClassDojo and set up ParentPay, we use these to communicate with you all the time. Ask for help at the office if you need to.

10 things every Windmill parent/carer should know...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- See what patterns you can find at home i.e. big/small.

Year 1

- Please watch the daily phonics videos to help your child learn the 'special friends' sounds

Year 2

- We have been adding numbers together using known facts e.g. If I know $3 + 2 = 5$ then I know $13 + 2 = 15$, $30 + 20 = 50$. Please help your children recall and practise these facts at home.

Year 3

- Please bring your flu vaccine forms back in!

Year 4

- Please practice your 8 times table.

Year 5

- We are learning about recounts in Year 5. Please ask your children what they can recount from our reading book 'How to be a Human'.

Year 6

- Please come in correct PE kit - check website for details.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on their needs and interests)

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 2 Athletics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football
- Year 3-6 Dodgeball

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

Please note there will be no Football or archery clubs on Wednesday 18th October and 8th November due to staff training. Gym will run as normal.

Thursday 12th October - Year 3-6 Team Building and Year 2 Football will not be running - sorry for any inconvenience.

Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccine - 24th October - please return consent forms by Friday 20th October.